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Survey: 56% of Pinoys want to revive impeach complaint against GMA

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Globe profits up 37% to P5.8B in first 6 months of 2006



Ailing Castro turns over power after 47-year rule

HAVANA—FIDEL CASTRO'S ANNOUNCEMENT that he was "provisionally" ceding presidential powers to his brother Raul ushered in a period of uncertainty at home and celebrations by his enemies abroad, while fueling speculation on just how sick he is.

The announcement that Castro had been operated on to repair a "sharp intestinal crisis with

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GMA defies docs' orders, sneaks out of Palace

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo has cheated—on her doctors.

Still recovering from a bout with the flu, she defied her doctors' orders to lay off nighttime appointments

GMA/A8



Finally, money for OFWs

Palace sends $150,000, says griping envoy was 'correct' after all

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG YESterday finally admitted that Ambassador Al Francis Bichara was "technically correct" in complaining that his embassy had not yet received fresh funds from Manila for the evacuation of Filipinos from Lebanon.

Foreign Undersecretary Esteban Conejos Jr. said that Bichara had only received on Monday, or four days late, the $150,000 the Department of Foreign Affairs had committed to send to Lebanon on July 27.

But Conejos stressed that Bichara should have not made a big fuss about it because he knew the money was on its way and that the delay in its delivery was inevitable because banks were closed on Fridays and Saturdays in the Middle East.

Conejos said the government had no choice but to hand-carry the $150,000 cash via Amman, Jordan, and Damascus, Syria, because banks in Beirut, Lebanon, had limited their dollar withdrawals to $20,000 per account.

"He (Bichara) was aware the money was coming. Technically, he might be right but then he knew in good faith that it was already on its way to Damascus," said Conejos.

Conejos said Bichara had requested on July 25 only $50,000 to replenish his embassy's funds that have been running low due to the stream of Filipinos seeking temporary shelter for their evacuation.

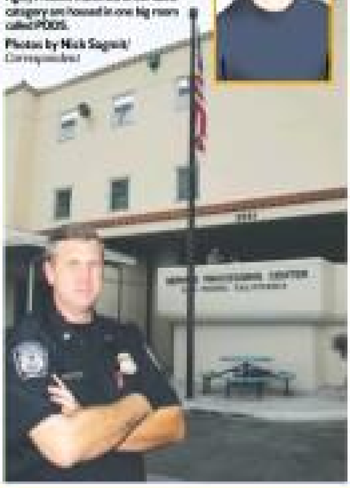
The DFA sent Undersecretary Raphael Seguis to Beirut to personally check on the Philippine Embassy's cash position, which

FINALLY/A9

KEEPING AN EYE (below) on the movements of Filipino journalists once they are inside the 3-story San Pedro, California, detention facility is Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent Clifton Anderson. (At right) Artist's sketch of Bolante's "new look" complete with navy blue overalls. (Far right) Prisoners deemed of the same category are housed in one big room called PODS.

Photos by Nick Sagnit/ Correspondent







RP media get first glimpse of Bolante in detention center

By Nimfa U. Rueda
Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—LOOKING SULLEN IN A NAVY blue prison jumpsuit, ex-Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante yesterday stood before a federal immigration judge in a courtroom inside the San Pedro Detention Center, where he has been detained for over three weeks.

Standing next to him was his lawyer, Christian Schmidt, from the law offices of Azulay, Horn & Seiden, LLC, the largest immigration law firm in Chicago and the fourth largest in the United States.

But at the first scheduled hearing on the removal case against Bolante—widely believed to be the chief architect of the P728-million fertilizer

RP MEDIA/A11

Senate summons 6 GMA execs, threatens arrest

By TJ Burgonio and Julius Leloy-Javellana

THE SENATE IS SENDING OUT subpoenas to six officials who snubbed Monday's inquiry into the Arroyo administration's preparedness in evacuating Filipinos from war-torn Lebanon in an attempt to compel them to appear in a hearing next week.

"I'm hoping that they respect the Senate as an institution. If they don't respect me, they should respect the Senate," said Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, chair of the investigating labor committee.

The subpoenas, signed by Senate President Manuel Villar Jr., would be sent to Labor Secretary Arturo Brion, Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya Jr., Foreign Undersecretary Esteban Conejos Jr., Overseas Workers Welfare Administrator Marianito Roque, Philippine Overseas Employment Administrator Rosalinda Baldoz and Undersecretary Ricardo Blancaflor.

Estrada, who opened the inquiry based on a resolution filed by Sen. Richard Gordon, warned these officials they would be arrested if they defy the subpoenas and snub the next public hearing set for Monday.

"The next step the Senate can do is to issue a warrant of arrest.

SENATE/A6

Caparas life story stranger than fiction

By Nini Valera

POVERTY INSPIRED HIM TO write and discover the power of the Filipino language.

In about 800 komiks novels, Carlo J. Caparas explored the darkest and brightest moments of the Filipino soul. He celebrated the triumphs of the man on the street, his disappointments and his frustrations.

Yesterday, Caparas was celebrated as a champion of the Filipino language.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts bestowed on him the Gawad ng Komisyon sa Wika, a recognition traditionally given to members of the academe and literary figures like Nick Joaquin and F. Sionil Jose.

The award was in recognition of Caparas' contributions to the Filipino language in komiks and the movies, according to Prof. Ricardo Ma. D. Nolasco, chair of the National Commission for the Filipino Language.

"Ang komiks ay isa sa mga

CAPARAS/A4



CARLO J. CAPARAS 800 "komiks" novels, 200 made into movies, champion the masses, Filipino language.

POLITICAL ACTIVISTS' KILLINGS

GMA: Solve 10 cases, jail suspects in 10 weeks

By Christine O. Avendaño

AFTER 244 CASES OF POLITICAL killings and 47 murders of members of media, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday finally gave law enforcers a fixed deadline to produce results.

Ms Arroyo said she wanted suspects in at least 10 of the killings jailed within 10 weeks.

It was the first time that the President had set a definite deadline for authorities to solve the unabated murders of leftist militants and journalists that had prompted accusations the killings were part of state policy. (See story on this page.)

"I am giving a 10-week deadline for the Department of Justice and the Philippine National Police to jail suspects in at least 10

GMA/A11

UP prof: Killings could be nat'l security policy

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE UNABATED KILLINGS OF POLITICAL ACTIVISTS could be part of state policy known only to a few and possibly sanctioned by the leadership through its direct inaction or even complicity, an academician said.

The targeting of leftists for killing may have begun in 2004, peace advocate and University of the Philippines political science Prof. Miriam Coronel Ferrer said in a statement e-mailed to the Inquirer.

Ferrer teaches the history of Southeast Asia and is a convenor of a group advocating the observance of international human rights by armed combatants in the Philippines.

The Inquirer sought out Ferrer's views recently in connection with an article on how Southeast Asian nations are dealing with communist insurgencies. Contacted again yesterday, Ferrer confirmed she was still holding to her views.

Among her views was that the political murders ap-

UP PROF/A11



HIR, HIR, HOORAY! All Stars Hip Hop of the Philippines finished first in the adult category of the 5th World Hip Hop championship in Redondo Beach, California, on Monday, besting other groups from a dozen countries. The competition is part of an international program to use hip hop dance to get children of low-income families off the streets. AFP

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

56% of Pinoys want impeach raps revived

A LITTLE OVER HALF, OR 56 PERCENT, OF Filipino adults believe the impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo should be re-activated, according to the latest Pulse Asia survey.



SWORN IN: New Education Sec. Jesli Lapus takes his oath of office before President Macapagal-Arroyo during yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

DepEd to train school principals

By Alcuin Papa

'That's not the picture we're getting'

By Christine O. Avendaño and Philip C. Tubeza

Witness tells of UP students' abduction

By Leila B. Salaverria and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

SC ruling vindicates Romualdezes, says mayor

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—MAYOR Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez yesterday said his family felt vindicated by the Supreme Court's dismissal of the 24 graft charges filed against his elder brother, former Ambassador Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez.

The mayor said the dismissal of the cases was proof that the charges filed against his family, the Marcoses and their so-called cronies and associates had no basis and were politically motivated.

"I am happy for him that the Supreme Court has cleared him of all these graft cases. I knew that these would be dismissed by the courts as we maintained that these cases were filed against us as political revenge," Romualdez told the Inquirer.

Last week, the Supreme Court's Special First Division dismissed the 24 graft charges against Benjamin Romualdez, who served as Leyte's governor and ambassador to the United States during the Marcos regime, on technical grounds.

The High Court ordered the dismissal of the graft charges that were pending against him before the Sandiganbayan and the Manila City Regional Trial Court because the 10 to 15-year prescription period within which he should have been charged in court for the alleged offenses had lapsed.

Kokoy was accused of failing to file his statements of assets and liabilities (SAL) from 1962 to 1985 and for the period of 1963 to 1966 during his tenure as technical assistant at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"These are all politically motivated and I am also confident that the pending cases filed against me will also be dismissed in my favor," Mayor Romualdez said, referring to the graft cases he is facing before the Sandiganbayan.

The mayor was accused of conniving in the sale of Engineer Island by the state-owned National Shipyard and Steel Corp. to private firm Bataan Shipyard and Engineering Co. Inc. (Baseco) for P4.41 million.

The Presidential Commission on Good Government, the agency tasked with recovering the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses and their cronies, claimed that at the time the property was worth P13.61 million.

Bejo, now on his third and last term, was also accused of intervening in the state-owned National Development Corp.'s sale of the 3,343-square-meter Fondacion Slipway in Baseco for only P830,000.

Romualdez said he was innocent and that his family's only "fault" was their being close to Marcos, who was married to their elder sister, Imelda.

Marcos was ousted from power in February 1986 during the first People Power revolt.

Jackie Chan coming

HONG KONG SUPERSTAR Jackie Chan will fly to the Philippines to drum up investors' interest for a coffee shop that he plans to open in Manila, an advertising executive said yesterday.

"It's for a road show to get interest for the Jackie Chan's Java Coffee," said Arlene Sison of Campaigns and Grey, an agency that handles advertisements for the shop.

Sison said Chan will arrive for a one-day visit Friday to announce details of his new coffee shop chain before the media and prospective Filipino investors.

Chan said last year that movie-making was still his biggest priority and greatest source of income despite an expanding business empire that includes a clothing label, fitness clubs, restaurants and a line of cookies.

He operates restaurants under his name and has teamed up with the California Fitness gym chain.

Sison said it was the first time Chan will be going into the coffee-shop business. AP

BIR ₱3B short of 6-month target

By Cynthia D. Balana

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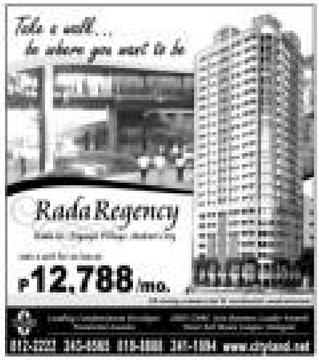
SC imputed no crime on Abalos, says lawyer

By Norman Bordadora







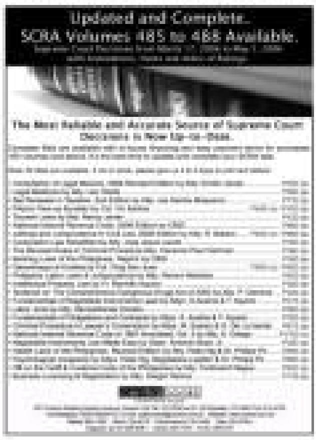


Rape trial goes on 2-week break

Doc is sick

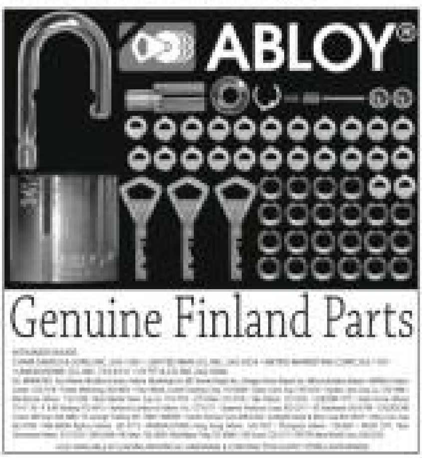














Back from Lebanon, nightmare far from over, OFWs' kin advised

By Christian V. Esguerra

Symptoms can last long

Susceptible to stress

Buffer mechanism

For first time, gov't ch PAL plane for evacu

By Nikko Dizon



1,450 OFW arrivals so far

Birthday gift

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Owwa fund is trust fund only for members

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Schools for prisoners

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End culture of mendicancy among Filipinos



INQUIRER Northern Luzon

A resort home for abandoned pets

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Bolinao, Pangasinan

WHEN A RESIDENT OF THE WESTERN PANGASINAN TOWN OF Bolinao was preparing to migrate to the United States a year ago, he was in a quandary: He did not know what to do with his four pet freshwater turtles.



Educational center







AMONG the guests of the Rock Garden Resort in Bolinao, Pangasinan (from top left, clockwise) iguana, grass owl and myna. At far left is a parrot.

For the love of Brutus, Ophelia, Upcat, Pansy et al.

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

ALTHOUGH SHE IS ON LEAVE FROM THE UNIVERsity of the Philippines Baguio this semester, Prof. Victoria Rico Costina drives to school daily, including weekends, just to feed Brutus, a ginger tabby, and Ophelia, a pure black cat with fern green eyes, two shy felines that she cannot bring home.

'I'm just teaching so I can have money to sustain my cat ministry. I think I've turned eccentric'

Perfect caregiver

'The rest of my life'



PROF. Victoria Rico Costina and her cat

A FULL-TIME job of cat care and feeding for Costina.





Across the NATION

Alert issued for floating casino over unpaid taxes

STORM 'HENRY' IN C. LUZON

3 die; 111 villages under water

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—STRONG RAINS BY tropical storm "Henry" since Monday caused rivers to swell in Tarlac and Nueva Ecija, flooding at least 111 villages and prompting about 1,000 families to evacuate, the Office of the Civil Defense in Central Luzon said.



Kibitzers told to steer clear of Mayon lava

ROUNDUP

SC reinstates judge

Driver killed

Wanted: Roads

Priests' Day

1 dies in clash

Carabaos find new use in village waste collection



THIS VILLAGE makes use of carabaos in a different way—to pull carts for its trash collection system.

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Amicus brief

Life as a detainee

Fear of persecution

Use P1-B fund

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UP prof: Killings could be nat'l security policy

Ultimately to blame

Enemy No. 1

PNP: No such policy

War on terror

More than Palparan

A ploy

Kalinga doctors close clinics to protest Claver shooting

Political beliefs

Hard to get witness

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Bloody Monday

Whatever the motive

No indiscriminate arrests

Witnesses and luck

Need for witnesses

'This is doable'

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AFP launches new offensive vs Abu Sayyaf

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE MILItary yesterday launched a fresh offensive against foreign and local terrorists in Sulu.



GMA names 'super team'

Aplus METRO

Man in slain lensman's note negative for nitrate

Requests protective custody from cops





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- **Taguig City declares** collapse site in Pallar Area a 'danger zone' /A18
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Residents refuse to leave 'danger zone' in Taguig City

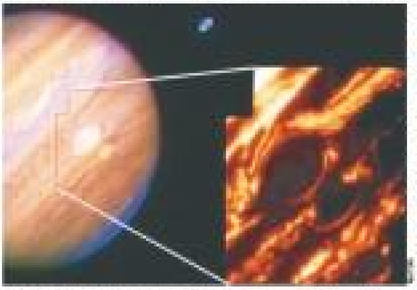
8 food firm employees downed after mixing preservative in dish

MetroBriefs

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OMB chair eyes terrorist angle in pirated CDs raid

UN to Iran: Stop nuke program or else ...



9/11 attacks an "inside job," American professor claims

Protesters paralyze Mexico City

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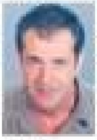
16 kidnapped in Baghdad

67 killed in Sri Lanka fighting

Nato takes over Afghan south

Number of Iraqi refugees swells

Mel Gibson caught drunk driving, hit for racist remarks



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The WORLD

Israel ignores calls for ceasefire

Vows to rid area up to Litani River of Hezbollah

JERUSALEM—ISRAEL APPROVED the expansion of its ground offensive in Lebanon on Tuesday, dashing hopes of an early end to the three-week old conflict despite a renewed international push for a ceasefire.

"There is no ceasefire and there will be no ceasefire in the coming days," Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared.

Israel's security cabinet gave the green light Tuesday to widen its ground offensive in the war on the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah that has killed well over 500 people and left much of Lebanon's infrastructure in ruins.

Lebanese television showed pictures of soldiers and tanks massed at the border, where Israeli bulldozers have started flattening Hezbollah positions to create a buffer zone.

Israel's security cabinet has given the army the green light to send ground forces up to 30 kilometers into southern Lebanon, a government official said Tuesday.

Following a four-hour meeting late Monday, the cabinet authorized military operations "with a view of controlling the area until the Litani River after having cleared it of Hezbollah presence but without a permanent occupation," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Israel's border with Lebanon runs eastwards from the Mediterranean coast about 30 km south of the Litani, but moves much closer to the river as it veers north about 70 km inland.

Fierce fighting was also raging between Hezbollah guerrillas and advancing Israeli forces in an eastern border area of south Lebanon for the third straight day, Lebanese police said.

The Israeli troops made a small advance of about one kilometer on the ground, they said.

Despite a promised 48-hour halt in air raids which allowed thousands of southern Lebanese to flee the war zone, Israeli warplanes also struck roads leading to Syria in the early hours of Tuesday, police said.

Syria, which along with Iran, backs Hezbollah, ordered its armed forces to raise their level of alert, official media reported.

Olmert warned that Israel's war on Hezbollah, unleashed on July 12 after Shiite Muslim fighters seized two soldiers in a deadly border raid, would end only when the group ceased to be a threat.

"We will end it when the threat over our heads is removed, when our kidnapped soldiers return to their homes, and when we can live in security," Olmert said.

As the fighting looked set to intensify, diplomatic efforts to reach a ceasefire gathered pace after an Israeli attack on the Lebanese village of Qana on Sunday killed 52 people, mainly women and children, and triggered international outrage.

Qana, where Jesus Christ is said to have turned water into wine, suffered more carnage after an Israeli attack on a UN base there in 1996 killed 105 people, and the new raid prompted an outpouring of anger around the world.

The five permanent UN Security Council members—Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—held their first official consultations to prepare a resolution on the war, although there has still been no formal call for a ceasefire.

Ambassadors from the five major countries were also due to meet with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan Tuesday.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice flew back to Washington on Monday after a weekend visit to Israel overshadowed by the carnage in Qana, saying she was convinced that "an urgent ceasefire and a lasting settlement" could be achieved this week.

The plans center on the deployment of an international force in south Lebanon but Israel has warned that any halt in its offensive into southern Lebanon would allow Hezbollah guerrillas to regroup and rearm.

Olmert had however told her that his army would need another 10 days to [illegible] weeks to cripple Hezbollah, which has been a thorn in Israel's side for years.

"If there is an immediate ceasefire, the terrorists will immediately rear their heads," Defense Minister Amir Peretz told a [illegible] parliamentary [illegible].

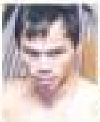
Encouraged by the temporary halt in air bombardments, however, [illegible] tens of thousands of villagers fled southern Lebanon, the Hezbollah heartland which has borne the brunt of the onslaught.

Carrying piles of luggage, mattresses and blankets on car roofs or pickup trucks, people [illegible] from their mountain villages toward the coastal highway heading north to Beirut.

Lebanon was in mourning after what many in the Arab world were calling the Qana "massacre," the biggest single loss of life since Israel [illegible]



AN ISRAELI Merkava tank pushes into southern Lebanon during continued military operations in the area. AP



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■ **Landis' sample** shows synthetic testosterone /A24





RUDY Hatfield will be welcomed at Ginebra when he comes back.

Coke not disbanding

PBA board to scrutinize disputed 3-team trade

THE CONTROVERSIAL THREE-WAY TRADE involving eight players recently is tops on the agenda of the Philippine Basketball Association board of governors' meeting tomorrow.

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Williams cleared, but not 2 other Fil-Ams

By Francis Ochoa



WILLIAMS



DA VINCE

Coca-Cola stays; PBA looking into 3-way trade

Chot takes over SMB; Uichico goes to Ginebra

By Francis Ochoa



Hail the 2nd placer, but what about the 4-gold winner?



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New PBA chair bares year-long program

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STI conquers New Era; Hawks fall again

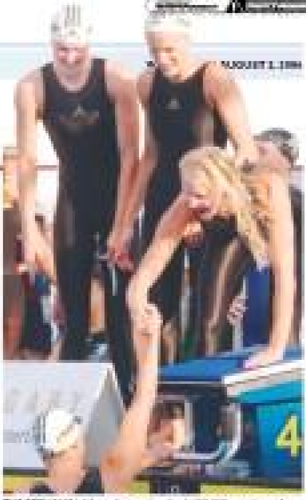
Jao targets 3rd straight Superbikes win



Gabionza shrewdest in Tagaytay, advances to P1M poker finals

Timely change of tires keys Millionado's Speedfest romp

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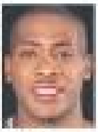
FLOYD LANDIS: I'm not in any doping process

Knights hope to regroup, battle Blazers

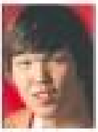
German swimmers sink world record

Koronadal upsets rivals in Palaro hosting bid

Blazers acquire Magloire for Korean, 2 other Bucks



MAGLOIRE



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Globe profit up 37% to ₱5.8B in 1st half

Income in April-June nearly doubled due to promo blitz

GLOBE TELECOM INC., the country's second-biggest phone company, yesterday said its net profit surged 37 percent to P5.8 billion in the

OFW money fuels housing boom in RP

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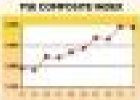


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BIR zeroes in on tax delinquent firms

Revenue agency taps SSS to go after erring companies



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New coaches, trains to beef up LRT fleet

Gov't urged to get its trade act together, create unified office

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ERRATUM

The BIR Commissioner is **Jose Mario Buñag** not Jose Manuel Buñag as erroneously printed in the BIR Supplement that came out in this newspaper yesterday. Our apologies to Comm. Buñag for this inadvertence.

One less Yuchengco

Delgados get Sumitomo muscle

Money-go-round

Tariff on oil seen to stay at 2% in Aug.

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Heard through the grapevine

Subic Freeport seen to remain RP's top investment site in '06

PLDT installs fiber optic loop in Baguio

SBMA raised for national gov't ₱2.2 billion in tax revenue

AEV's 6-month earnings down

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Demand for digital TV content seen to grow

Standards for biofuels pushed

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Bulacan municipality has no tax obligations

OFW money ...

MOTORING

3,780 reasons to turn slumping auto parts industry around

By [illegible]

To boost their survival chances, Filipino car parts makers start work on their own version of the Philippine utility vehicle. Starting price: P350,000. Any takers?

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Healthy numbers

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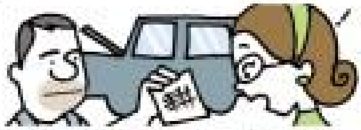
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MPV confessions and the Toyota Previa

MY DRIFT



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FULL TANK



Al Mendoza

World's top road engineers, experts to convene in Manila

By Charles E. Buban

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Group's move follows BSP investigation of MART1

By Doris C. Dumlao

Receipt drive seen yielding ₱6B in taxes

By Michelle V. Remo

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What it's like, Part two

We might never run out of stories.
Here's another dose of interesting tales from real people.
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Girl, boy, 'bakla,' 'tomboy'...

Our case is probably the type they show in 'Balitang K'—an 'unusual' story, because we have all the genders represented in our brood



Surpassing dedication

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What it's like to stalk a poet-rock star

I could practically fill out the dude's bio-data for him. All he had to do was put his thumb mark



Network of spies

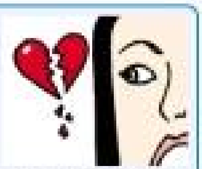
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Cheated, defeated, defiant



Caught

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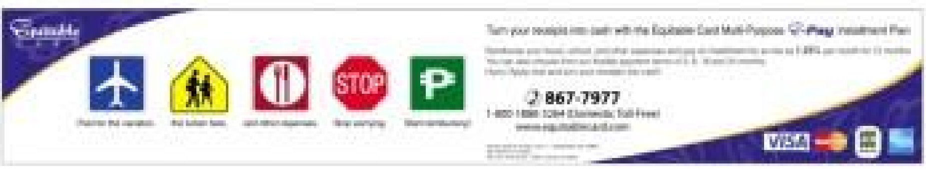
What will be, will be



Despite the accident that paralyzed half of my face, I'm content with whatever that I have right now

Four days





Fighting the queer fight

Given my years of dating girls, who would have thought I'd end up a gay activist?



Self-revelation

Support group

Pride event

What will be, will be

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Loving community

The long and grinding road to Law

Attitude shift

Regal party experience





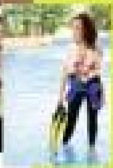
WOMEN JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!





There's really more to running a bar than loving the nightlife and wanting very much to boogie.

If you ask successful restaurant-and-bar maven Christine San Diego, there is a lot more to it than that. As the general manager of nightspots such as Absinth – which is just going strong as a hangout in Greenbelt – she doesn't hesitate to list down all of her responsibilities from menu planning, overall financial analysis plus accounting, P.R./marketing and restaurant administration. All in all, Christine says it's about "making sure that the guests are happy and the service excellent. Making sure that the overall appearance of the place is good." Despite being the boss, Christine doesn't think twice about getting behind the bar to tend to her patrons or even "waitering" when she's understaffed.



Before Absinth, the single mother put up Bistro 110. "I was actually more interested in the restaurant business," says Christine, "when we opened Bistro 110 that was what its main concept was but because we wanted to maximize our profits we decided to turn it into a bar in the evenings. That was what got me interested." Still up and running on Carlos Palanca St. in Makati, Bistro 110 gave Christine the idea of putting up Flute Wine Bar in Salcedo Village – a pioneering establishment in that area. Aside from Absinth, she currently also manages Juice Bar in Boracay. As if that weren't enough, she also has a real estate company.



Ironically, Christine wasn't always into the nightlife. She waited until she was in the ripe old age of 22 before she took her first drink on a night out with her cousins. "It was a good experience", she says. "All our night outs were always fun," recalls Christine.

Characteristically, Christine works to make sure that that her customers get nothing less than that same experience every time.

"I like meeting people and making them happy through my food, drinks and music," answers Christine when asked about what gets her excited about what she does. "I would never work for anything I don't like unless it is necessary. The work I do is very satisfying and fulfilling."



She admits though that, "it is hard to run a business that everyone thinks has a low mortality rate." According to her, "competition is quite tough but I'm quite lucky to still be in this for 8 years."

During vacations, Christine enjoys diving, which very much is in keeping with her adventurous side. It's during these times – floating in a different environment – that allows her to detach and reflect.



When asked if she worries that her hectic schedule will take its toll, Christine shrugs her shoulders and says, "sometimes." She adds, "I am not getting any younger. This life is sometimes too fast paced for me."

But Christine isn't slowing down anytime soon. "I think I have a lot more to offer in this business. People can learn a lot from me." In fact, she's not resting on her well-deserved laurels.

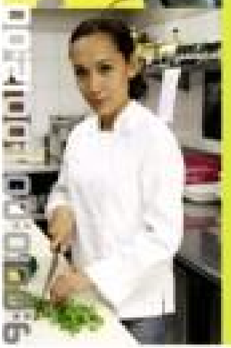
"I am thinking of opening more restaurants, bars and probably a club, not just in Makati."

"Passion and competence." That's her secret. "One has to love to work and enjoy at the same time," she explains and this what keeps her going. After all, women – like girls – just wanna have fun.









INSIDE THE DAY 2 NITE LIFESTYLE OF

Christine San Diego



JAYPEE del Rosario (right)

What makes you a rock star?

ARE YOU LIVING THE ROCK N' ROLL LIFE?

[illegible] is letting you in on the "Rock Star: Supernova" craze! Unleash your inner rock star to win exclusive premium items from Star World's top-rating reality TV show. Keep sending us your most recent [illegible] photos at a rockin' gig, and tell us in five sentences or less, what makes your life rock? All entries must be e-mailed to [illegible] ... just don't forget to include all the juicy details (your full name, date, place, gig band).

Each week, up to three rocked out readers will win cool prizes from "Rock Star: Supernova" and have their winning entries published in upcoming [illegible] issues. So go ahead and rock our world, you know you want to!

"Rock Star: Supernova" airs live, exclusively on Star World every Wednesday (10:30 A.M.) and Thursdays (8 A.M.), with prime-time broadcasts at 9 p.m. on the same day.

Readers rock! Here are last week's winners who give us reasons why they think they rock!

Jaypee del Rosario: As a member of the music ministry of [illegible] Movement, we used music to spice up our [illegible] and praise Jesus who we call our Super friend. That's me on the right with my [illegible] and [illegible].

Emmanuel Nana: "I have a cool family who loves me so much. I'm also happy to be surrounded by cool friends who are so much fun to be with. When we're together, we really rock!"

Aika Alvarez: My life rocks because I've gotten to meet my rock idol [illegible]! I am such a fan of his so I go to all his concerts!

Winners can claim their prizes by calling [illegible] at [illegible] or [illegible].



EMMANS Nana



AIKA Alvarez

Entertainment

Rufa Mae sure Erik's not gay



HE is her soul mate, Rufa Mae says of Erik.

Tearful call

First kiss

Oh, my

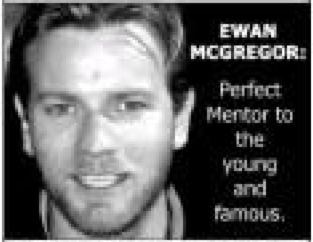
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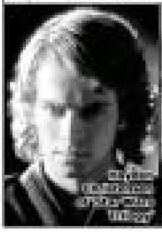
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Response

From Star Wars Jedi Mentor to Stormbreaker's super-spy Uncle



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Roundup

'Vice' overtakes 'Pirates'

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The true new Bruce Lee?

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DONNIE YEN



MEL GIBSON

Teaching Colin

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Sorry, mate

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GONG LI

And then some

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UMA THURMAN and Luke Wilson

Who's the dad?

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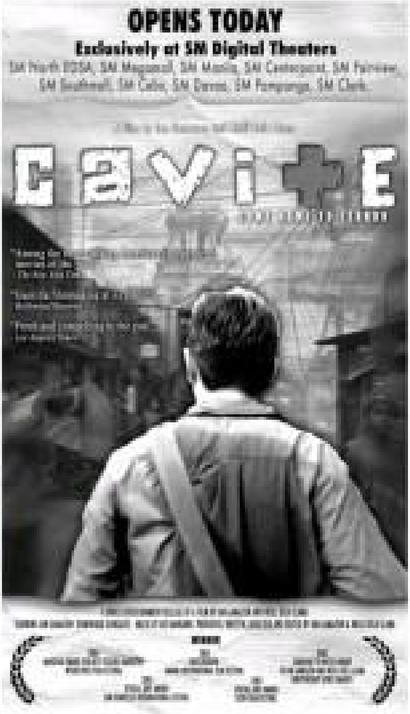
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4 WOLF CREEK

"MIAMI VICE" TRIVIA PROMO



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4 LADY IN THE WATER

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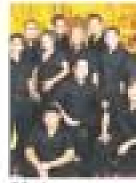
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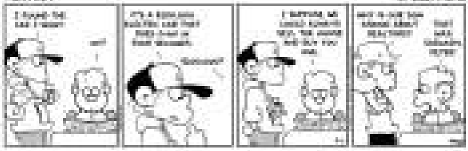
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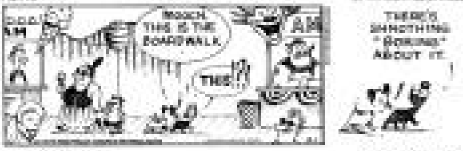
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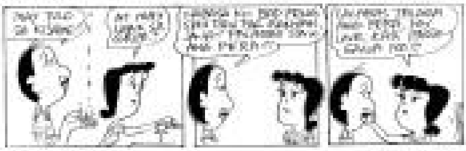
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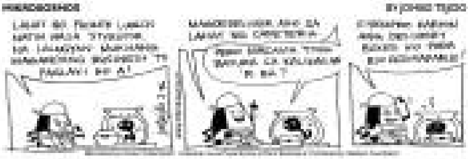
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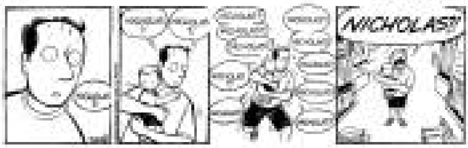
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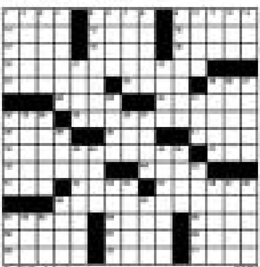
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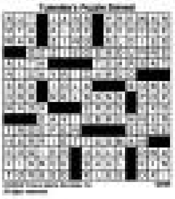
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Today's Puzzle Solved



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Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

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